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SUBJECT: COM FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

BONN FOR RSO, RCO; FRANKFURT FOR OIC/RTC, RSS; ATHENS FOR OIC/TSO; FROM A/SY/OPS/T

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1. BASED ON THE INCREASING TERRORIST THREAT IN WEST GERMANY, PARTICULARLY THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR, A/SY RECOMMENDS THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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AMEMBASSY BONN. THE PROPOSED VEHICLE IS A 1976 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM, FOUR DOOR TYPE-FIVE SEDAN, BLACK WITH BLACK LEATHER INTERIOR. THE VEHICLE'S TRANSPARENT AND OPAQUE ARMORING SYSTEMS WILL DEFEAT .30 CALIBER BALL AMMUNITION AND LESSER THREATS. THE FLOOR ARMORING MATERIAL WILL DEFEAT M-67 HAND GRENADE AND LESSER EXPLOSIVE THREATS. THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM AND A

FEDERAL SIREN/PA SYSTEM PACKAGE.

2. THE ABOVE VEHILCE WOULD BE ASSIGNED FOR USE BY THE CHIEF OF MISSIONS. THE RSO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOSELY MONITORING IT'S USE AND OPERATION. THE VEHICLE WILL REMAIN UNDER A/SY OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO

REASSIGNMENT SHOULD A GREATER NEED DEVELOP ELSEWHERE. THE VEHICLE MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL OR OTHER VIP VISITS TO WESTERN EUROPE. TSO ATHENS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS. THE POST WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTINE SERVICING.

- 3. VEHICLE WOULD BE SHIPPED WITHOUT RADIO EQUIPMENT. POST IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH THE RESPONSIBLE RCO FOR APPROPRIATE RADIO INSTALLATION AFTER RECEIPT OF VEHICLE. ENGINE WILL BE MODIFIED TO USE LEADED GASOLINE PRIOR TO SHIPMENT, AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE A CATALYTIC CONVERTER.
- 4. IF THE ABOVE VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE A/SY/OPS/T BY RETURN TELEGRAM. THE VEHICLE PROPOSED HAS RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ARMORING CONTRACTOR; IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS FOR FURTHER PREPARATION PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. VANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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